

Solution to Puzzle "Dropouts"

P	E	R	M	A	T	E	O	M	I	N
O	S	P	O	K	E	A	R	P	C	A
M	P	E	R	E	S	T	A	S	T	R
E	E	T	G	A	L	E	S	T	R	O
L	L	R	A	C	E	R	P	O	E	M
B	L	A	N	K	M	A	S	O	S	A
D	I	E	E	L	A	T	E	D	S	T
I	N	T	G	E	N	E	R	O	S	I
N	G	O	O	G	E	W	A	R	A	D
A	P	T	B	R	C	A	R	O	L	E
G	E	E	R	A	L	C	A	N	O	R

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
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Across

1. PERM(E)ATE
2. (D)OMINO
3. SPOKE
4. (W)ARP
5. CAMPER
6. EST(I)A
7. STREET
8. GALE
9. STROLL
10. RACER
11. POEM
12. BLANK
13. MASO(N)
14. SADIE
15. ELATED
16. STINT
17. GENE
18. ROSIN
19. GOOG(L)E
20. WAR
21. ADAPT
22. B(A)RCAROLE
23. GE(N)ERAL
24. CAN(D)OR

Down

1. PO(M)MEL
2. B(A)DINAGE
3. SPELLING
4. PERPETRA(T)E
5. TOTEM
6. ORGAN
7. EGO
8. BRAKE
9. (T)ACKLE
10. GRATE
11. SLE(D)
12. MANE
13. CLEAT
14. (A)ERATE
15. WACO
16. RASP
17. SERA
18. RAMP
19. STOOD
20. (M)ORONIC
21. TRESS
22. SAL(O)ON
23. AROMA
24. TI(N)DER

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 25 minutes.